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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS
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Sir:

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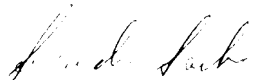
SIR:

Applicant(s) hereby give notice that Small Entity Status is claimed in the above-identified application.

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